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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Todd J. MORTIER et al.	) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 09/981,790	) Examiner: David Willse
Filed: October 19, 2001	) }
For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE AND METHOD	RECEIVED
Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231	JAN 3 1 2003 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Sir:

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Supplemental Amendment. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a [number] month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$[Fee] for the Extension is enclosed.

The extra claims fee is calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	/	Additional Fee
Total	65	-	62	3	x \$ 18	\$	54.00
Indep.	6	-	5	1	x \$ 84		84.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$280							[number]
Subtotal							138.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity							69.00
TOTAL							69.00

A check for \$69.00 to cover the extra claims fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Supplemental Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Dated: January 29, 2003

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